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## **Wyo. Army National Guard sets its transformation plan**

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming Army National Guard has finalized its transformation plan that adds several new units by September 2008.

Those changes include a return to the Rawlins community and a surge in Powell.

The 12 members of Detachment 2 960<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion Distribution Company will mark a new Wyoming Army National Guard presence in Carbon County. Distribution companies transport ammunition, fuel, water and other key supplies. This detachment will specifically handle water and fuel transportation.

"We're excited about our return to the Rawlins community and increasing our presence in Powell," Maj. Gen. Ed Wright, Wyoming's adjutant general, said.

The unit in Powell will increase from three Soldiers to 49 when it moves from being the home of Detachment 2 2-300<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery to the 960<sup>th</sup> High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems Forward Support Company Distribution Platoon.

Other changes in the Wyoming Army National Guard range from converting howitzer gun batteries into HIMARS to adding new units with more Soldiers to current armories. There will be increases in combat support units like distribution companies and platoons.

The transformation increases the authorized strength from the current total of 1,584 Soldiers to approximately 1,851. Today there are 1,717 Soldiers in the Wyoming Army National Guard.

"The key to meeting this increase in authorizations is to station the right unit in the right community by analyzing demographics, command and control and the ability to maximize resources while minimizing organizational turbulence," Wright said.

Most communities will see increases in the number of Soldiers and units based there.

"All of the changes ensure Wyoming has the right resources in the right places to respond to domestic emergencies and to continue to play a role in the Global War on Terror," Wright said.

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#### **Wyoming Army National Guard by September 2008**

**Afton:** Detachment 2 1041st Engineer Company, 59 Soldiers.

**Casper:** 197th Public Affairs Detachment, 8 Soldiers; 920th Brigade Support Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 92 Soldiers; Distribution Company Headquarters 920th Brigade Support Battalion, 67 Soldiers.

**Cheyenne:** 115th Fires Brigade, 132 Soldiers; Joint Forces Headquarters, 117 Soldiers; Recruiting and Retention Command, 23 Soldiers; Medical Command, 53 Soldiers; 84th Civil Support Team, 22 Soldiers/Airmen; Detachment 53 Joint Forces Headquarters, 8 Soldiers; C Battery 5/159th General Support Aviation Battalion, 85 Soldiers.

**Cody:** 960th HIMARS Forward Support Company Class 5, 76 Soldiers.

**Douglas:** Detachment 1 Distribution Company 920th Brigade Support Battalion, 47 Soldiers.

**Evanston:** Detachment 1 1041st Engineer Company, 44 Soldiers.

**Gillette:** A Battery 2-300th HIMARS Battalion, 86 Soldiers.

**Guernsey:** 213th Regional Training Institute Battalion, 63 Soldiers; Training Site Command, 60 Soldiers.

**Lander:** B Battery 2-300th HIMARS Battalion, 86 Soldiers.

**Laramie:** 133rd Engineer Company, 121 Soldiers; 94th Troop Command, 12 Soldiers; 148th Signal Company, 47 Soldiers.

**Lovell:** 960th Forward Support Company Headquarters, 58 Soldiers.

**Powell:** 960th Forward Support Company Distribution Platoon, 49 Soldiers.

**Rawlins:** Detachment 2 Distribution Company 920th Brigade Support Battalion, 12 Soldiers.

**Rock Springs:** 1041st Engineer Company, 82 Soldiers.

**Sheridan:** Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery 2-300<sup>th</sup> HIMARS Battalion, 97 Soldiers.

**Torrington:** Field Maintenance Company 920th Brigade Support Battalion, 93 Soldiers.

**Wheatland:** 67th Army Band, 40 Soldiers.